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Impact of Plan Change 56 on the Waiwhetū Aquifer

Tēnā koutou katoa,

We received an email from Cr Brady Dyer regarding assessments for proposed District Plan Change 56 (PC56) on impacts of development on the Waiwhetū Aquifer:

The response from officers follows:

- *Impacts of development on the Waiwhetū Aquifer are being considered as part of the full review of the District Plan, particularly the impacts of earthworks on the aquifer. This includes what should be controlled through the District Plan and what should be controlled through GWRC's Natural Resources Plan (which already includes controls on earthworks for the purpose of protecting the aquifer). Given the limited scope of what could be included in PC56, the impacts of development of the aquifer are being considered through the full Review of the District Plan and were not considered in the development of PC56.*
- *Regarding the impacts of reducing permeable surface areas on the aquifer, officers are unaware of any concerns of the reduction in permeable surface areas on the aquifer. HCC officers are in regular meetings with officers of Wellington Water and GWRC on how to address the potential impacts of development on the aquifer, and the impacts of reducing permeable surface areas have not been raised as a concern in those meetings. However, officers will raise this issue at the next meeting.*

Ngā mihi nui,

Democratic Services Team